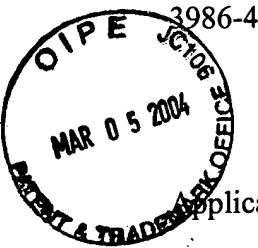


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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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SIR:

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action of November 5, 2003 on the above-identified application.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 2, 2004

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Date of Signature

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1145.

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A grant of this request would reset the response due date from February 5, 2004 to March 5, 2004.

Payment of \$55.00 the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) (1) for a small entity is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-1145

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Gulbin".

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